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Checking the health of a mule deer at Zion NP

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Mauna Kea Silversword at Hawaii Volcanoes NP

## ROLES AND FUNCTIONS

- Responsible for policy formulation, planning, training, coordination, and implementation of biological resource management activities and programs of broad Servicewide importance.
- Provide expert scientific, planning, and evaluation assistance on management actions and biological resource management issues.
- Identify Servicewide biological research needs, develop ecosystem management and restoration strategies, provide wildlife health services, and identify and provide training in biological resource management.

## MISSION

*...to preserve, protect, and manage biological resources and related ecosystem processes in the National Park System...*

Mission Blue butterfly at Golden Gate NRA



Channel Island fox at Channel Island NS



Evaluating exotic vegetation at Rock Creek Park

## ORGANIZATION

The Biological Resource Management Division is part of the NPS Natural Resource Program Center and the NPS Natural Resource Stewardship and Science Directorate, maintains offices in Fort Collins, Colorado and Washington, D.C.

The Exotic Species Management and Ecosystem Restoration Branch provides a wide range of innovative and science-based services to park lands to manage harmful invasive species and restore disturbed lands to ecological integrity. Focal points of the branch include; Integrated Pest Management Program to determine low risk, environmentally sound options for pest control, Exotic Plant Management Team program which facilitates the mobilization of strike teams of plant control specialists located in 9 host parks and the Restoration Ecology Program which provides technical assistance on restoration and coordination with the Fire Management Program Center.

The Endangered Species Program works to stabilize and recover more than 350 federally listed threatened and endangered species found in National Parks. Key program initiatives focus on: preventing species extinctions and declines to the point that they need to be listed; reestablishing species lost from parks due to human activities; providing support on Section 7 consultation under the Endangered Species Act; and tracking the status of endangered species and the progress of recovery efforts.

The Wildlife (management) Program addresses issues of wildlife management with particular emphasis on wildlife health and animal capture. The program addresses Servicewide wildlife management issues through policy review and development. The program also provides consultation, technical assistance, and training to park personnel on such issues as wildlife anesthesia, capture, relocation, overabundance, welfare, health monitoring, and veterinary diagnostic services.